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## AMENDMENT "D"

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated May 29, 2003 (Paper No. 14). The three month period for responding to the Office action expired on August 29, 2003. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request and petition that the response date be extended, for one month, to September 29, 2003. The \$110.00 extension of time fee is enclosed. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$84.00 to cover fees resulting from the addition of one independent claim.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below.

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